GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BPL QUOTA OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are allotting Below Poverty Line quota of wheat and rice onthe basis of 21:20 lakh BPL families instead of 35 lakh BPL families in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for the increase of quota; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union government on the demand of the State Government so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Yes Sir. Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS),allocation of foodgrains to all States/UTs is being made as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission (1993-94), up-dated on the population projections of the Registrar General as on 01.03.2000, without exception. This criteria is being uniformly followed for all the States/ UTs and can`t be altered in isolation.